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SUBJECT: MASCHINO-ZEGHAR KIDNAPPING

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1. AS PROMISED (REFTEL), DALLAS LAWYER WILLIAM A. MCKENZIE MET WITH ME IN MY OFFICE ON JULY 16 TO SHARE WITH ME THE INFORMATION HE HAD GATHERED DURING HIS STAY IN ALGIERS WITH RACHID ZEGHAR ON THE MASCHINO-ZEGHAR KIDNAPPING. AGAIN, MR. MCKENZIE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS DAUGHTER MARTHA, WHO WAS PRESENT DURING OUR HOUR-LONG TALK. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS (WL THROUGH (12) CONTAIN THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT HE HAD TO SAY.

2. MCKENZIE BEGAN WITH A HISTORY OF HIS OWN CLOSE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ZEGHAR. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE REPRESENTED ZEGHAR IN LEGAL MATTERS IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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STATES OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS AND TO HAVE ACTED AS UNOFFICIAL GUARDIAN OF MEMBERS OF THE ZEGHAR FAMILY STUDYING IN THE STATES. ON THE BASIS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, ZEGHAR ASKED MCKENZIE TO COME TO ALGERIA TO ADVISE HIM ON THIS MATTER.

3. DALILA MASCHINO IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY FROM AN

OLD AND RESPECTED FAMILY. AS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT IN ALGIERS SHE WAS ALWAYS CHAUFFEURED TO AND FROM SCHOOL. AT THAT TIME, HER HUSBAND-TO-BE WAS A STUDENT AT ALGIERS UNIVERSITY. HE MET DALILA, FELL IN LOVE WITH HER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MANAGED TO SPIRIT HER OFF TO THE NEARBY CLUB DES PINS WHERE HE TOOK SOME COMPROMISING PHOTOGRAPHS OF DALILA. SHORTLY THEREAFTER DALILA DISAPPEARED FROM ALGERIA, PRESUMABLY WITH MASCHINO. SHE LEFT BEHIND A LETTER TO ZEGHAR EXPLAINING THAT SHE WAS GOING TO MARRY MASCHINO TO SAVE THE FAMILY'S REPUTATION BECAUSE HE WAS BLACKMAILING HER.

4. JUST AFTER DALILA'S DISAPPEARANCE, ZEGHAR FLEW TO DALLAS TO ENLIST MCKENZIE'S HELP IN LOCATING HER. OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, ZEGHAR SEARCHED FOR HER IN CUBA, MEXICO, BRAZIL AND CANADA. HE FINALLY LOCATED HER IN MONTREAL AND THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP WAS RESUMED. WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, DALILA WROTE TO HER MOTHER INFORMING HER THAT SHE HAD MARRIED MASCHINO AND THAT SHE WANTED TO COMPLETE HER HIGHER EDUCATION AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AND THEN RETURN TO ALGERIA. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE WROTE TO HER BROTHER, ZEGHAR, TELLING HIM THAT MASCHINO HAD BLACKMAILED HER INTO MARRIAGE WITH COMPROMISING PHOTOS AND THAT HE HAD ALSO OCCASIONALLY BEATEN AND DRUGGED HER.

5. LAST APRIL, ZEGHAR HAD SENT ONE OF HIS OWN AIRPLANES  
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(SEE PARAGRAPH 11 BELOW) TO LOS ANGELES TO PICK UP A SHIPMENT OF SPECIAL DOORS HE HAD ORDERED FOR A MOSQUE HE IS BUILDING IN EL EULMA, ALGERIA, IN HONOR OF HIS MOTHER. EN ROUTE BACK TO ALGIERS WITH THE SHIPMENT, ZEGHAR STOPPED IN MONTREAL TO PICK UP DALILA AND OTHERS OF HIS RELATIVES. IT IS TRUE THAT DALILA WAS BROUGHT TO THE PLANE IN A WHEELCHAIR. BUT, MCKENZIE CLAIMS THAT THIS WAS THE IDEA OF ANOTHER ZEGHAR SISTER. THE PLANE'S ROUTING WAS LOS ANGELES, SOMEPLACE IN OHIO, MONTREAL AND ALGIERS. ZEGHAR STAUNCHLY MAINTAINS THAT DALILA RETURNED TO ALGERIA OF HER OWN VOLITION.

6. MASCHINO IS KNOWN DRUG DEALER IN PARIS AND MONTREAL. MCKENZIE CLAIMS THAT AFTER HIS OWN STOPOVER IN MADRID TODAY, HE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE U.S. DRUG AUTHORITIES WITH THE NAMES OF ALL MASCHINO'S DRUG CONNECTIONS. MASCHINO'S FATHER IS A DISGRUNTLED FRENCH MARXIST WHOSE SECOND WIFE IS AN ALGERIAN COMMUNIST. BOTH WERE FORCED BY THE GOA TO LEAVE ALGERIA. BOTH ARE JOURNALISTS WHO CO-AUTHORED A BOOK, "L'ALGERIE DES ILLUSIONS" WHICH SCORES THE BOUMEDIENE REGIME FOR NOT BEING FAR ENOUGH TO THE LEFT. ON THE OTHER HAND, ZEGHAR IS A CLOSE CONFIDANTE OF

BOUMEDIENE WHO IS WIDELY KNOWN TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE PRO-WESTERNERS IN THE GOA.

7. ON JULY 15, THE CANADIAN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MET FOR 4-1/2 HOURS WITH GOA FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA TO DISCUSS THE ZEGHAR-MASCHINO KIDNAPING. BOUTEFLIKA TOLD THE CANADIAN OFFICIAL THAT (A) ZEGHAR WAS A CLOSE FRIEND AND MENTOR, (B) THE GOA DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE DALILA MASCHINO MARRIAGE UNDER MUSLIM LAW BECAUSE IT WAS INDUCED BY FRAUD AND (C) THE GOA CONSIDERS THIS A PERSONAL MATTER AND NOT A POLITICAL/LEGAL ISSUE BETWEEN THE ALGERIAN AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS. BOUTEFLIKA ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TO TELL THE CANADIAN OFFICIAL THAT THE GOA  
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WOULD SEVER RELATIONS WITH CANADA IF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CHOSE TO MAKE A POLITICAL ISSUE OF THIS AFFAIR.

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8. ON JULY 16, ZEGHAR, HIS MOTHER AND A COUSIN WERE TO MEET WITH DALILA TO TELL HER THAT SHE IS FREE TO RETURN TO CANADA IF SHE WISHES BUT THAT THIS WILL MEAN BREAKING ALL TIES WITH THE ZEGHAR FAMILY. MCKENZIE SAYS THAT DALILA HAS ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT SHE WISHES TO REMAIN IN ALGERIA.

9. MCKENZIE INFORMED ME THAT DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE INITIATED NEXT WEEK BOTH IN ALGERIA AND CANADA. IN THIS CONNECTION, MCKENZIE WILL TRAVEL TO OTTAWA (SIC... WHY NOT MONTREAL?) NEXT WEEK TO COLLABORATE WITH ZEGHAR'S CANADIAN ATTORNEY, FNU PROULX. MCKENZIE SAYS HE ALSO HAS AN APPOINTMENT NEXT WEEK WITH FORMER PRESIDENT FORD TO ASK HIM TO DISCUSS THE ZEGHAR AFFAIR PERSONALLY WITH  
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PRESIDENT CARTER.

10. ZEGHAR FEARS FOR HIS LIFE AND THE LIVES OF HIS RELATIVES BECAUSE THE UNDERWORLD ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE DRUG ASPECT OF THIS AFFAIR WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO SILENCE HIM AND DALILA. ZEGHAR DOES NOT PLAN TO LEAVE ALGERIA ANY TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND MAY NOT ALLOW THOSE OF HIS CHILDREN STUDYING ABROAD TO RETURN TO THEIR FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES IN THE FALL.

11. MCKENZIE OFFERED BITS OF GRATUITOUS BACKGROUND ON ZEGHAR. FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAS A SON, NOUREDDINE, STUDYING AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. HE HAS AT LEAST TWO OTHER DAUGHTERS, NADIA AND NASSIRA; IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY TOO ARE STUDYING IN THE U.S. ZEGHAR OWNS A FOUR-PLANE AIRLINE IN OHIO (NOT CLEAR WHETHER AIRLINE IS A CHARTER, CARGO OR FEEDER AIRLINE) ONE OF THOSE DC-8'S WAS USED IN THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING. HE ALSO OWNS THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES. IN FRANCE, ZEGHAR OWNS A SMALL HOTEL JUST OFF THE CHAMPS ELYSEES (CONFIRMED BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR) AND TWO APARTMENTS ON AVENUE FOCH IN THE SAME BUILDING WHERE PRINCESS GRACE AND PRINCE RAINIER OF MONACO HAVE AN APARTMENT. WHEN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S WIFE TRAVELS ABROAD SHE INVARIABLY TRAVELS IN THE COMPANY OF ZEGHAR OR A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

12. MCKENZIE DESCRIBED THIS WHOLE AFFAIR AS "A LEFTIST COMMUNIST PLOT TO DISCREDIT THE BOUMEDIENE REGIME BY JEOPARDIZING THE IMPROVING RELATIONS THE GOA HAS WITH THE

WEST AND THE U.S. IN PARTICULAR". IN THIS EFFORT, HE  
SAID THE QUEBEC SEPARATISTS HAVE FOUND COMMON CAUSE AS  
THEY HOPE TO EMBARRASS THE CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.  
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13. MCKENZIE INFORMED ZEGHAR THAT HE WOULD BE TELLING  
THIS STORY TO ME AND OBTAINED HIS PRIOR PERMISSION TO DO  
SO.

14. IN A SEPARATE CONTACT WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON  
JULY 16, HE TOLD ME THAT FOUR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS (TWO  
OF THEM FRENCH) HAD REFUSED ZEGHAR'S OFFER TO INTERVIEW  
DALILA. THE JOURNALISTS TOLD ZEGHAR THAT THEY WOULD ONLY  
INTERVIEW HER IN A NEUTRAL THIRD COUNTRY.

15. COMMENT: I CANNOT EVALUATE THE VERACITY OF MCKENZIE'S  
ACCOUNT OF THIS AFFAIR AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, I CAN SAY  
THAT MCKENZIE DID NOT INSPIRE MUCH CONFIDENCE. HE IM-  
PRESSED ME AS A RATHER SHALLOW WHEELER-DEALER. AS THIS  
AFFAIR EVOLVES, WE WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED.  
AT THIS STAGE, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY AMERICAN  
CONNECTION OR DIRECT U.S. INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.HAYNES

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